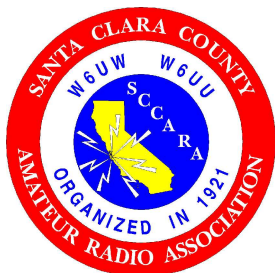


# SCCARA-GRAM



## Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association

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### Field Day



GOTA station and information table, Red Cross out front...



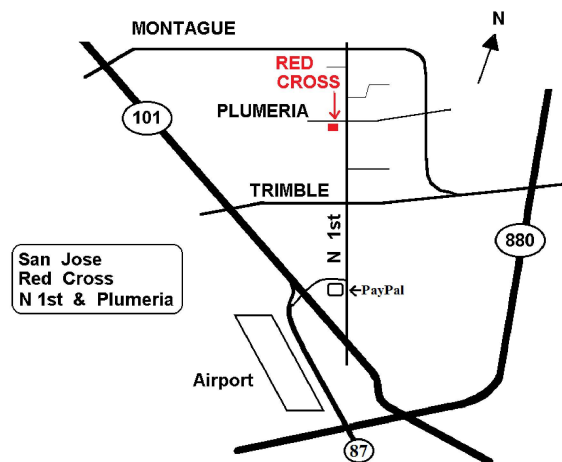
... with free sodas and hot dogs.

### Calendar

7/13 Electronic Flea Market  
7/14 SCCARA General Meeting  
7/21 SCCARA Board Meeting

### General Meeting

Day: Monday, July 14  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Place: San Jose Red Cross, meeting room 3  
Featuring: {to be announced}



photos courtesy of Ned AC6YY

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The club station is **W6UW**, located at the San Jose Red Cross.

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The deadline for articles is the **last Monday of the month**.

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#### **SCCARA REPEATERS**

SCCARA owns and operates two repeaters under the call W6UU:  
2 m: 146.985 - PL 114.8  
70 cm: 442.425 + PL 107.2

Phone auto-dial and auto-patch is available. The 2 m repeater is located at Eagle Rock near Alum Rock Park in the foothills of east San Jose. The 70 cm repeater is located at the Regional Medical Center (formerly Alexian), east of downtown San Jose, north of 280 and 101.

#### **SCCARA NETS**

On our 2 m repeater: Mondays at 7:30 PM, (not the second Monday--that's our meeting night); net control: Don Village, K6PBQ. On 10 m, 28.385 MHz USB, Thursdays at 8:00 PM; net control: *{to be announced}*. Visitors welcome.

#### **N0ARY PACKET BBS**

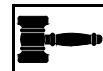
SCCARA hosts the packet BBS N0ARY (connect to n0ary-1). User ports: 145.09 MHz at 1200 baud, 433.37 MHz at 9600 baud, and telnet sun.n0ary.org (login "bbs"). Sysop: Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU. For general packet info, see the NCPA web site [ncpa.n0ary.org](http://ncpa.n0ary.org).

#### **AMATEUR LICENSE TESTING**

ARRL/VEC Silicon Valley VE group:  
Morris Jones, AD6ZH: 408-507-4698

# Meeting Minutes

## General Meeting, May 12, 2025



*{no minutes submitted}*

## Board Meeting, May 19, 2025



Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association met in normal session over the air on the W6UU 2 Meter Repeater. The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. PST by President Gregg Lane, KF6FNA, as Chairman.

Roll call was taken.

Officers: President Gregg Lane KF6FNA, Treasurer Ned Tufekcic AC6YY, Secretary Doug Owens N6DPO, and Trustee Don Village K6PBQ were present.

Directors: Lou Steirer WA6QYS, Wally Britten KA6YMD, John Parks W6JPP were present. Janet Motha KF6PUQ was excused due to 2 meter radio problems at her QTH.

A quorum of voting Board members were in attendance.

Gregg KF6FNA made the following announcements:

- \* SCARRA hosts the June 8, 2025 Electronics Flea Market.
- \* Field Day is June 28 and 29
- \* Doug N6DPO is helping assemble a list of operators, times, and modes. Please communicate your interest to Doug at [dougowens100@icloud.com](mailto:dougowens100@icloud.com), or call him at 408 568-9870.
- \* June 9, 2025 General Meeting will be on Field Day
- \* Red Cross Radio Room will be open on May 31.

President's Report, Gregg Lane KF6FNA: Club pursuing go kit for POTA activations.

Secretary's Report, Doug N6DPO: As Gregg mentioned, we want to get a reading of who would like to operate with SCCARA on Field Day. We welcome all members, and should be able to accommodate all non-members as well. Please contact me and express your interest(s) including mode and approximate hours you would be able to operate.

Treasurer's Report, Ned AC6YY: Current cash and checking balance is \$10,417.00

Station Trustee's Report, Don K6PBQ: Nothing to report.

Editor's Report, Gary WB6YRU (via email) Nothing to report.

BBS Report, Gary WB6YRU (via email) Nothing to report.

Repeater Report, Goetz K6GKB: 2 meter repeater is running perfectly. Ned AC6YY will try to get with the facility manager to access the 70cm repeater.

Website Report, Doug N6DPO: Website is up and running well. No known issues.

Old Business

Gregg KF6FNA

\* We plan to add a second HF beam antenna on the roof of the Red Cross. We have pre-positioned the antenna on the roof and are working to assemble the remaining materials. We have located a mast. We have located a pallet (Thanks John W6JPP). Are working to assemble the rest of the needed materials. Will

organize a work party when appropriate (volunteers please contact Gregg). We are hoping to get this done before Field Day  
\* SCCARA will host the Electronics Flea Market on June 8.  
Please contact Gregg if you are able to volunteer to help make this successful.

#### New Business

Gregg KF6FNA: Field Day: We should purchase a new end fed so we don't have to keep borrowing one from Goetz. (Goetz, has offered to provide his again if needed).

Doug N6DPO moved that we purchase a end fed antenna from myantennas.com and purchase 100 feet of coax if necessary.

John W6JPP seconded the motion

AC6YY voted in the affirmative.

KA6YMD voted in the affirmative

WA6QYS voted in the affirmative

K6PBQ voted in the affirmative

Gregg KF6FNA declared the motion approved

Doug N6DPO moved that we authorize up to \$400 for commercial filters to be purchased if we cannot successfully tune the existing filters to perform properly.

K6PBQ seconded the motion

AC6YY voted in the affirmative

WA6QYS voted in the affirmative

KA6YMD voted in the affirmative

K6JPP voted in the affirmative

Gregg KF6FNA declared that the motion was approved

POTA go kit has been supported broadly. Gregg asked for volunteers to be on that committee. N6DPO, AC6YY, and W6JPP volunteered. The committee will approach the board after determining what is needed. N6DPO suggested Ned AC6YY be chairman. Gregg KF6FNA appointed a committee comprised of AC6YY (chairman), N6DPO, and W6JPP.

John W6JPP communicated that the Mayfair Chapter of the American Legion has invited us to operate during their Independence Day event. It is requested we operate all day and he believes we will need at least 4 SCCARA participants.

AC6YY suggested we bring our own canopy for shade.

Doug asked if this was an opportunity to recruit members. John indicated that we would have that opportunity primarily from the members of the Post. Doug said he will put together a poster and some literature.

Gregg asked if any issue with a generator, John indicated no issue.

KA6YMD reminded us that this is a directed controlled net. Too many doubles.

AC6YY recommended we use materials WB6YRU prepared.

Gregg brought up the HT loaner program. Lou recommended we get radios that can be programmed fairly intuitively without a computer in case of need to field program. Doug opined that we want to find radios that are reliable, we don't want to loan out radios that are problematic. Ned stated he thinks most all radios are the same in terms of programming complexity.

Gary Mitchell, WB6YRU, has resigned the board as of the previous day (May 18, 2025). Currently there is an empty slot.

Gregg KF6FNA declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Doug N6DPO

## Need Help?

Amateurs have a long history of helping each other. An experienced amateur who helps another is traditionally called an "Elmer." If you have a question or problem, you are encouraged to ask one of SCCARA's Elmers. Below is a list of topics and who to contact for each. If your topic isn't listed, ask one of the Elmers under the topic that comes closest and we'll ask around.

If you consider yourself to be reasonably competent in at least one area of amateur radio and would be willing help others, please fill out an Elmer form (available from the club secretary or on our web site).

#### Topics:

Antennas, feed-lines, tuners: **NV6W, W6JPP, K6PBQ**

CW (Morse code): **NV6W, K6PBQ**

DX (long distance, propagation): **NV6W**

EchoLink: **K6GKB**

Emergency operating, preparedness: **WA6QYS**

HF operating techniques: **NV6W, K6PBQ**

Homebrew projects, construction: **WB6YRU**

Legal, FCC rules: **WB6YRU**

License testing, new amateurs: **W6JPP**

Lightning protection, grounding: **WB6YRU**

Packet Network (BBS, forwarding): **WB6YRU**

SCCARA (club inner workings): **K6PBQ, WB6YRU, WA6QYS**

Station set-up, equipment: **K6PBQ, W6JPP**

TVI, RFI: **WB6YRU**

#### Contacts for the above topics:

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## Newsletter Notes

Field Day ended the day before the deadline, so it's no surprise very little made it in time. Hopefully there will be a full report in the next edition. And hopefully it will include an evaluation on how well these three new things worked out:

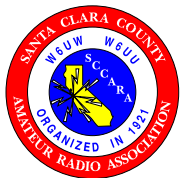
1) HF band-pass filters to reduce interference between stations, but limited each station to one band.

2) Made stations switchable between modes, rather than have a specific Phone station, CW station, and Digital station.

3) Put the info table, GOTA station, and BBQ out front to be more publically visible.



73, Gary WB6YRU, editor

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**SCCARA Membership for 2025**

If renewing and none of your info has changed, please only fill in your name and call

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Licensed since (year): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ New Member Renewal I'm also an ARRL member

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

For delivery of the SCCARA-GRAM (pdf) and club announcements

**Membership type and dues:      Individual, \$20      Family, \$25      Student, \$10 (under 18)**

All memberships start January 1 and expire December 31.

Family memberships (more than one member per household): please include the above info for each member, use separate forms.

**New members:**

Dues are prorated: dues x (11 - month) x 10% For example: July would be \$20 x (11-7) x 0.1 = \$8

If joining in November or December: normal dues for next year, the rest of this year is included free.

**I want the paper newsletter delivered by U.S. Mail for an additional \$15 per year**

Prorated, \$1.25 per month. That's \$13.75 if starting in February, \$12.50 if starting in March, etc.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Total** enclosed

Give this completed form and payment to the Secretary or Treasurer at any meeting or mail to the club address.